

LDMS TROJAN TIMES

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear LDMS Families,

This has been a fall like no other. We very much miss having our students with us in our building, but we are thankful for the new ways we have been able to teach, learn, and connect. We understand these times have been difficult for everyone and if your child is struggling, we are here to help. Please let me or any one on the LDMS Staff know if there is anything we can do to help your child be more successful. Thank you and Go Trojans!!!



LDMS SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

Interim Reports

We are halfway through the first quarter and I encourage you to check your students grades regularly in PowerSchool. Additionally, we will mail home interim reports to families of students who currently have either a “D” or “F” in any of their classes. Please contact Dr. Keesee or Ms. Leonard if you have any questions.

Meal Information:

LCS is pleased to continue offering free meals to all children under the age of 18 through the end of December. Although everyone qualifies for free meals right now, this will expire December 31, 2020. If you wish to apply for free or reduced meals for the rest of the school year, please do so as soon as possible. Please do not wait until January to complete your online application. See our website (www.lexedu.org) or call Jason White (540-463-7146) for more information. Again, please complete applications as soon as possible!

Yearbooks: Yearbooks have finally arrived. If you purchased a yearbook, we will distribute them with a drive-thru event on Friday, October 9 from 12-1 p.m. If you cannot pick up your yearbook at this time, they will be available in the front office beginning on Monday, October 5, 2020.

STEM Opportunity:

Please consider an exciting STEM opportunity for your child! USTEP (University Student Taught Engineering Program) is an educational outreach program that serves middle school students throughout Virginia. The event will be hosted by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) at UVA. Students are able to take 4 classes from the class catalog they find interesting. Past topics include forensics, programming, rockets, and more! For more information and to register, please go to:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1F9qar_MEc-1J-y8abrfGSsmEUf00-mjbK_ZWNno97VA/edit#.

Fall Book Fair:

The LDMS Scholastic fall Book Fair this year will be taking place online! Any time from October 19th through November 1st, visit <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lylburndowning> to purchase reading materials to be sent right to your home. Thanks in advance for your support of the LDMS Library! Any questions? Contact Mrs. Bridge at tbridge@lexedu.org.

Box Tops for Education:

Box Tops for Education is an easy way to help our school. The Box Tops program is now easier than ever. Instead of having to clip off the Box Tops, you can simply scan and upload your receipt using the Box Tops App. Please see the Box Top Fliers for further details. Additionally, if you have physical box tops, you may bring them by LDMS on October 15th from 8:00-12:00 or on October 20th from 12:00-4:00.

October is Bullying Prevention Month:

LDMS will make announcements every Monday as part of the weekly announcement video about bullying and how to prevent it. As a reminder, we have an anonymous bullying report form on our website at: lexingtonva.gov/community/schools/webforms/bullying_form.htm. This form can be filled out and sent electronically to the



school completely anonymously. If you are being bullied or see bullying and are afraid of reporting it in person, use this form! We follow up with every report.

Remember, bullying can take many forms. It can be physical, like hitting, kicking, or punching. It can also be social or emotional, like using words to hurt someone, leaving someone out, or gossiping and spreading rumors. Bullying can happen at school, in your neighborhood, or online. It is always unwanted, repetitive, and involves an imbalance of power.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 6th: Interim Reports Mailed Home
- November 5th: End of the 1st Grading Quarter
- November 6th: Teacher Workday (No Synchronous Instruction)
- November 25th-27th: Thanksgiving Break

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